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SAFETY FESTIVAL AND OPEN HOUSE

THE 5TH ANNUAL BLOOMINGTON Safety Festival will be held **Saturday, August 13, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.**, at Creekside Community Center, 9801 Penn Ave. S. Check out the Police K-9 Unit, MADD Crash Car, and the Fire Department's smoke house and fire truck. Visit Creekside's woodshop, boutique, lapidary, pool room and buyer's club. An animal petting zoo and inflatable jumper will also be available for children. For more information, call 952-563-4873 V/TTY.



REPORTING SICK OR INJURED ANIMALS

USE THESE PHONE NUMBERS TO REPORT:

- Sick or injured animals, call **911**.
- Dead wildlife (except deer) on public property, call **Animal Control, 952-563-4942**.
- Dead or injured deer, call **Bloomington Police, 952-563-4900**.



SEPTEMBER HIKING

THE SPRING HIKING CLUB WILL MEET **Tuesdays, September 6 - 27, from 8:30 - 11:30 a.m.** for hiking at a variety of Twin Cities locations. Cost is \$32. To register, call 952-563-4873 V/TTY.

A WHIRLED OF GOOD CAPTURING DEBRIS BEFORE IT ENTERS THE POND



LAST SPRING, GIANT MECHANICAL devices were installed near East 80th Street and Chicago Avenue to improve the quality of stormwater runoff that enters Smith Pond, 8155 Park Ave. S. Stormwater flows from the street to grit chambers in the devices that utilize the swirling action of water to separate sand and other solids. Floating trash, debris and even oil are captured by internal walls. Periodically, a large vacuum truck is used to suck out the trapped pollutants. The devices, part of the City's Best Management Practices to improve water quality, are funded through storm sewer utilities fees. For more information, call Scott Anderson at 952-563-4867.

SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH BE PREPARED FOR AN EMERGENCY – DEVELOP A FAMILY DISASTER PLAN

SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS Month – a time to highlight the simple steps you can take to prepare yourself and your family for an emergency.

Preparing for an emergency doesn't mean constructing a bunker in your backyard, stockpiling a year's worth of SPAM in your basement or outfitting your wardrobe with camouflage. Being prepared simply means having a plan of action for any emergency.

It's been nearly four years since the September 11 tragedy and, although most of us realize a disaster can strike at any time, few have prepared for one. It is important to discuss an emergency plan with your family. Talk about what to do if a natural disaster confines you to your home, a chemical spill requires evacuation or there is another act of terrorism.

STEPS TO PREPAREDNESS

Identify a contact person.

Designate both local and out-of-state contacts to call if a disaster strikes.

Gather supplies.

Store these supplies in a sturdy backpack or other container:

1. A three-day supply of water (one gallon per day per person) and non-perishable food.
2. A change of clothing and shoes; one blanket or sleeping bag per person.
3. A first aid kit.
4. Emergency tools: battery-operated radio, flashlight and extra batteries.
5. An extra set of car keys and credit card.
6. Sanitation supplies.
7. Special items for infants and elderly or disabled family members.
8. Important family documents in waterproof, portable containers.

Practice and maintain your plan.

Rotate food and water every six months; replace batteries and update clothes. Rethink and update your plan annually.



WHEN TO CALL 911

Don't hesitate to call 911 whenever you need police, fire or medical response. Bloomington Police Dispatchers will assist you in determining the appropriate response. Call 911 if you:

- Are a victim of a crime.
- See a crime happening.
- Observe suspicious activity.
- Need help in a police, medical or fire situation.



VISIT YOUR LOCAL FIRE STATION

Bloomington's firefighters are some of the first responders to an emergency. Get to know your neighborhood firefighters at the **Fire Station Open House on Saturday, October 15, from 10 - 1 p.m.** See page 6.

Be healthy, be safe and be ready. Your best protection in any emergency is preparation. For a Family Disaster Plan form, see page 8. For information, call 952-563-4962 or visit www.ci.bloomington.mn.us, keywords: Emergency preparedness.

Other	www.ready.gov	U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Web sites	www.redcross.org	American Red Cross
	www.bt.cdc.gov	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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